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FEDERAL AID BILL HELPING ROADS IS NOW A LAW

Townsend Claims It Carries His Most Important Contentions.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding's signing of the highway bill releases \$75,000,000 for Federal aid roads. Many States have been awaiting the appropriation of Federal funds before launching on their highway programs. Immediate building is expected to start in many quarters with consequent improvement in employment conditions.

Senator Charles E. Townsend has been leading the campaign for the passage of this act which incorporates most of the principles for which he has been fighting. Primarily it demands that a portion of the Government funds be set aside for upkeep, so that the original investment will not be allowed to deteriorate. Provision is also made for allocating a percentage of the funds for interstate highways. Special appropriations are made for forest roads and trails. The Senator is chairman of the Senate Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads.

"It has always been my position," Senator Townsend says in commenting on the bill, "that the principle of Federal participation in the construction of certain roads should be accepted as axiomatic. In my original bill, which provided for a Federal Highway Commission to administer Federal appropriations and deal with highway problems, I provided that Federal money should be expended only upon interstate roads. With the completion of the connecting backbone system the Federal money then could have been used to construct the ribs branching out through the country.

The law recently enacted while providing that Federal money shall be expended only upon a system consisting of 7 per cent of the total road mileage within the State, nevertheless restricts three-sevenths of that system to roads interstate in character, and with which must connect or correlate the remaining four-sevenths of the system consisting of secondary or inter-county roads. However, 60 per cent of the Federal aid allotted to each State must be expended upon the interstate roads in the State system, but the entire allotment of Federal money to any State may be expended upon this type of road at the discretion of the particular State Highway Department.

"The fact that in the future all Federal appropriations must be expended under the direct control of the State Highway Departments, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, seems to effectually eliminate the possibility of local politics entering into road problems. I have always objected to the taxing of people of one State for local or political benefits to another. It will no longer be possible in certain States for rich counties to match practically all of the Federal aid allotted, thus depriving the poorer counties of their share in road improvements. Enforced maintenance, which in the past has been such a crying need, is now provided for with respect to all roads upon which Federal money has been expended.

The labor necessary in road construction and maintenance must have its present effect in alleviating to some extent the unemployment situation, and with a connected system of highways, which we are hopeful will be constructed, much of the terror in the event of a railroad paralysis will have been removed.

"I am confident that with the co-operation between the Bureau of Public Roads and the several State Highway Departments, which is so essential, great strides in highway construction will be made. There is ample power in the law to ultimately secure the results which the friends of good roads have so long striven for. I regard this new law as one of the most progressive steps looking toward internal improvement ever taken by the Congress."

MORROW PARDONS TWO PIKE SLAYERS

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 24.—Moscoe Belcher, former school teacher, and Spierlock Bingham, Pike county prisoners, were pardoned by Gov. Edwin P. Morrow today.

Belcher was sentenced to twenty-one years and Bingham fourteen for killing Nelson Matley in 1918.

Matley had objected to Belcher calling on his daughter, Jane, and the shooting took place after Matley followed the men to the gate at his home.

The jurors signed the pardon petition after Miss Matley contradicted part of her testimony and herself asked for the pardons, it is said.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George Jones, 24, of Louisa, to Bessie Clarkson, 21, of Busseyville.

William J. Ellis, 21, to Norma Williams, 21, of Huntington, W. Va.

Oscar Dean, 24, of Kenova, W. Va., to Hulda Shrien, 22, of Port Gay, W. Va.

John J. O'Brien, 27, to Dixie Thompson, 18, of Wilbur.

Bryan Miller, 21, of R. D. 1, Louisa, to Gertrude Pigg, 22, of Busseyville.

Reviving League of Nations Under New Name

The Cincinnati Times-Star says: Washington, Nov. 28.—If present plans of the Administration materialize, it seems certain today that before the year passes there will be a healthy revival of the League of Nations in the field.

It may be called an Association of Nations, an Association for the Limitation of Armament or a Society for the Maintenance of International Peace—"anything but a League of Nations"—and its work will be to perpetuate the agreements and decisions that are to be reached by the Powers now assembled here. That its work will parallel that of the present League of Nations at Geneva in many particulars is not denied.

Germany will be invited to come in and possible Russia. And certainly those countries of Central and Southern Europe, like Yugoslavia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Greece will be asked, because it is their maintenance of large standing armies that has kept Europe boiling intermittently for years.

PIKE COUNTY BRIDE HUNTS FLORENCE MATE AS BIGAMIST

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 23.—Declaring that she would prosecute a criminal charge if her alleged bigamist husband could be located, Mrs. Adah Wolfe, Lisa, Pike-co., Ky., today brought suit to annul her marriage to David Jones, August 21, 1921. Mrs. Wolfe was visiting in Laporte when she met Jones, who, posing as a single man, sedulously courted her.

After the honeymoon the first Mrs. Jones inopportunely turned up and Jones disappeared. Mrs. Wolfe says.

HEAVY RAINFALL.

There has been an excessive amount of rainfall here within the past week. As a result the roads are in bad condition. A large section of the hill on Snyder's place just below Louisa has slipped into the road where a steam shovel has been at work on the Mayo Trail.

W. W. CORDELL DIES AT WASHINGTON

Well Known Pension Examiner Passes Away After Brief Illness.

The Washington Evening Star of November 23 has the following account of the death of a man who lived in Louisa several years and who had many friends in this part of Kentucky. We are all grieved to learn of his passing.

Wayne Wellington Cordell, special examiner for the pension committee of the House of Representatives and a resident of Washington for forty years, died this morning at his home, 518 H street northwest, after an illness of over a month.

Mr. Cordell was born in Paint Rock, Scott-co., Tenn., June 30, 1864, and came to Washington in 1881 as an employee of the Post Office Department, where he remained until August, 1897, when he was transferred to the pension office. In August, 1918, he was detailed as special examiner for the pension committee, under former Representative Selie of Tennessee, and later served under Representative Knutson of Minnesota.

Mr. Cordell was a member of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 83, F. A. A. M.; the Odd Fellows and was organizer of the John C. Daly Tent of the Sons of Jonadab and for years was head of the High Tent. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fannie Cordell; a daughter, Mrs. May Cordell Rowe, of 518 H street northwest, and four brothers, John, living in Oklahoma; George, of Arkansas; H. R. Cordell of Kentucky and Young W. Cordell of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at Louisa's undertaking establishment Friday afternoon and interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

LOUISA GIRL MARRIES.

Miss Thelma Spencer, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Spencer of this place was united in marriage on Monday afternoon, November 28th to Chas. Lowe of Mallory, W. Va.

The young couple left on the C. & O. Monday afternoon for a visit to up river points.

The many friends of the popular young couple extend to them their best wishes.

PT. PLEASANT STEAMBOAT SHIPPED TO SOUTH AMERICA

The all-steel steamboat, Guayabito, built at Point Pleasant, W. Va., for use on the Magdalena river, was shipped by rail in pieces on 16 cars today via New York for Colombia, South America. It was the first shipment of the kind ever made from this section of the country.

U. S. SOLDIERS BRINGING GERMAN WIVES HOME

Coblenz, Nov. 26.—The song of "Homeward Bound" was heard along the Rhine yesterday as 11 officers and 600 enlisted men left here on a special train bound for Antwerp, where they will board the liner Cantigny for the United States. The reduction of the American army along the Rhine has started. Three nurses, 15 former service men, 8 babies and 82 German wives of soldiers are with the troops.

CAPT. MARCUM DIES AGED 81

Oldest Member of Prominent Tri-State Family Succumbs at Catlettsburg Home.

Captain Thomas Dammron Marcum, 81, one of the best known men of the Tri-State region, died at his home on Broadway in Catlettsburg at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday night, after an illness of one week.

Captain Marcum was born in Lawrence-co., Kentucky, five miles from Louisa, December 17, 1840. He was the oldest surviving son of the late Stephen N. and Jane Dammron Marcum.

He served in the Union Army through the Civil war as Captain of Co. K, 14th Kentucky Infantry.

He was the first Democrat from Eastern Kentucky to be elected to a state office in Kentucky after the war. He was chosen in 1875 to fill the position of registrar of lands.

During the first Cleveland administration he served as inspector of Indian lands.

His interest in politics never lagged and he continued to be active throughout the campaign which closed early this month. During this campaign he served as chairman of the Democratic committee in Boyd county.

For thirty-one years prior to his death he had been general agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. He was active in business until the day before his last illness compelled him to keep his bed.

He was married on January 19, 1865, to Mary Bromley, of Wayne-co., W. Va. She died eleven years ago. They are survived by three children, who are J. P. Marcum, of South Point, Ohio, Mrs. Alonzo Mims and Mrs. E. C. Walton of Catlettsburg. Captain Marcum also leaves four brothers, three being J. H. Marcum, J. S. Marcum and Lacey Marcum residents of Huntington, and four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Cathill of New York, Mrs. Morgan Baker of Huntington, Mrs. John Dotson of Port Gay, W. Va., and Mrs. R. L. Simpkins of this county.

Captain Marcum was a thirty-second degree Mason, an Elk and a member of the Baptist church. The funeral was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Mims, Friday afternoon at two o'clock, and was preached by Rev. W. C. Pierce of the First Baptist church. The body was laid to rest in the Catlettsburg cemetery.

AN EXPLANATION.

Big Sandy News, Louisa, Kentucky.

In your paper published November 25, 1921, I notice an article concerning the shooting of Elsie Centers by Ollie Ball. At the close of this article you have the following:

"Frazier was sent to jail on \$5000.00 bond—Independent."

This is a mistake. I executed bond for \$5000.00 and have not at any time in my life been in jail. Ball was sent to jail and not allowed any bond. I have had my examining trial and my bond of \$5000.00 was set aside.

I would be glad if you would publish this letter in your next issue.

Very truly yours,

J. M. FRAZIER.

KENTUCKY'S PART OF FEDERAL AID

Washington, Nov. 26.—Experts of the Department of Agriculture have figured out how much will be allotted to each of the States out of the \$75,000,000 appropriation for good roads allowed by Congress at the session just ended. Kentucky, \$14,117,178; West Virginia, \$802,359. Before any funds can be paid to a State, the State must appropriate money, under direct control of the State Highway department, to match the Federal allotment, and for the maintenance of Federal-aid highways. Each State must select a connected road system not exceeding 7 per cent of its road mileage for improvement with Federal aid. This system will be divided into two classes, one of which will be known as interstate highways and the other as inter-county highways. The interstate highways must not exceed three-sevenths of the system selected; on them not more than 60 per cent of the State's allotment can be spent without the joint approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and the State Highway department. The inter-county highways, which consist of the remainder of the system selected, will receive the remainder of the State's allotment. All highways in the interstate system must have a surfaced width of at least 18 feet, unless a narrower width is deemed permissible by the Secretary of Agriculture. The amount previously appropriated is \$275,000,000, and to match this amount the States have provided \$265,529,000. The roads to be paid for by this money, if placed and to end, would encircle the earth and extend from New York to San Francisco on the second lap, the total mileage reported on October 31 being 27,000 miles.

ROAD BOND ISSUE by State of Kentucky

No excise or additional taxes will be sought by the Kentucky Good Roads Association to carry out its program which calls for a \$50,000,000 road bond issue, Robert J. McBryde, president of the organization, said last night.

Present revenues, it was pointed out, obtained from automobile licenses, general road taxes and gasoline levies, will bear the burden.

"It is not a question of raising money," Mr. McBryde said. "We now spend the funds for patches of road in all sections of the State. It is largely a matter of how best to spend the revenue already provided."

"The plan advanced provides for a complete system of highways to be finished in four or five years. In other words, road building will be coordinated so that in a short period, Kentucky may have a model network of good roads."

The bonds are to be issued at the rate of \$10,000,000 a year for five years. They will bear 5 per cent interest and will be retired in thirty years.—Courier-Journal.

ANOTHER KILLING ON BEAVER CREEK

Joe Hall was shot and instantly killed at Martin, on Beaver creek, Floyd county, last Friday. A man named Crum is charged with the murder.

The men were drinking, it is said, and the killing is the result of them being in that condition. Hall is a native, but Crum went there from Virginia some time ago, so we are informed.

NEW DRUG STORE OPEN.

The Lawrence Drug Co., in the Walters building got its soda fountain connected Tuesday and is now open to the public. The new store is completely equipped in every detail and is quite an addition to our city.

CARD OF THANKS.

Through the columns of this paper we desire to express our thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our loving aunt, Harriet Christian.

—Howard Hutchison and family.

HENRY FORD WILL BUY ALL WARSHIPS

If Navies Are Reduced He Will Pay Junk Prices for Discarded Vessels.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 16.—Henry Ford today said: "I will buy the navies of the world at junk prices" and then turn them into agricultural machinery and automobiles if the United States and the other powers will agree to disarm on the sea.

"You may tell these gentlemen in Washington that I mean business. They may think that I could not finance such an undertaking, but you may tell them that I can. You may assure them that with acetylene torches and electricity I can cut those warships to pieces and make useful things out of them."

"To buy those ships," he continued, "would be only to get some of my raw materials for a while from a new source. I am spending great sums all the while to get ore out of the ground and make it into steel and I might just as well buy the material in those warships as to buy metal anywhere else."

"I wish you would make it plain that I stand ready to buy, at junk prices, any and every warship that the United States and other powers may think of sinking. Please ask them not to sink a ship. I understand that some of the captured German ships were sent to the bottom. It is a crime to sink metal like that. The world has need of it. So please state that even though the powers should be willing only partly to disarm on the sea that I will buy whatever ships they may agree to withdraw from their navies."

"But they ought to scrap the whole lot. There is no reason why a warship should be left upon all the oceans in the world. If these diplomats mean business, they will accept my proposition and disarm. These diplomats say they want naval force only as protection. Each one denies that he wants for purpose of aggression even the remnant that the Hughes plan leaves each nation. Well, if that is the case why should not all of the governments sell their ships to me. I'll promise not to use them to fight anybody with. I'll make them into things that will make life better instead of worst."

With these words in my hands no people would be taxed to maintain them. Nobody would be harmed and everybody would be benefited.

If the powers will sell me their navies, I will help them solve their unemployment problem. The unemployment problem is going to be made worse even by the partial disarmament plan that Mr. Hughes proposes. If warship building is going to be stopped for ten years, thousands of men who are now working in steel mills and shipyards will be deprived of employment, something should be done for these men. I will do something for them if the powers will sell me their warships. I will not only give employment to thousands more men in my tractor and automobile works but indirectly I will give employment to many more thousands.

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GREAT SPEAKERS BEING HEARD HERE

Conference on Christian Fundamentals Proves to be of Highest Caliber.

One of the very greatest series of meetings that ever came to Louisa is the Bible conference now being held here, and of which the NEWS gave rather extensive announcement in the last two issues. Four men of wide fame are on the program.

Dr. L. W. Munhall of Philadelphia, arrived Saturday night. By request he preached Sunday morning at the M. E. Church South. In the afternoon he opened the conference at the M. E. Church and at night he delivered the second address of the series. The Monday night service was the last of his services at Louisa and he went on to Paintsville Tuesday morning. From there he will go to Pikeville.

Dr. Alexander arrived Tuesday morning to continue the two and three meetings daily, as called for by the program.

Dr. Munhall captivated his audience Sunday morning—in fact, he did this at each service. He is a learned man, widely traveled, original in his presentation of truth and very forceful. He is a Methodist minister and evangelist, editor of the Eastern Methodist, author of several books, a noted Bible scholar, a man of international reputation. On Monday evening he delivered his wonderful lecture "The Book of Books," which he has given more than 600 times. This is the lecture on which he refused an offer of \$10,000.00 and expenses to deliver on the lecture platform to engagements covering about six months time. The Louisa people who failed to hear this lecture can never realize how much they have missed.

Dr. Munhall knocks the props from under every infidel and every false theory of the so-called "higher critics." He fights the practice of employing educators who do not believe the Bible and does it most effectively.

Dr. Chas. T. Alexander of Kansas City Mo., one of the greatest and most interesting lecturers ever heard in Louisa, delivered three addresses Tuesday and three Wednesday. All the meetings were largely attended, the school students being present at the morning lectures on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

Following Dr. Alexander on Thursday is Dr. J. W. Lawrence of Dallas, Texas, who will be here Thursday and Friday. He will be followed by Dr. Foley of Minneapolis, Minn., who will speak Saturday and Sunday. The meeting will be concluded Sunday night.

The people of Louisa should avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing these great men, as never before has Louisa had such a series of lectures.

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FARMERS PREDOMINATE IN NEWLY ELECTED LEGISLATURE

There are more farmers in the new Kentucky Legislature than any other line of business or profession. In the Senate there are only 9, but in the House 45 are farmers.

A Louisville article to the Cincinnati Enquirer says:

"When the roll of attorneys